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1. SUMMARY. SPECIAL COMMISSIONER ZAMBERLETTI'S FAST-PACED EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE INTERIM WINTER HOUSING FOR DISPLACED PERSONS CONTINUES AT FULL SPEED. REQUISITIONING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SUMMER HOUSING AND TRAILERS, HOWEVER, IS PRODUCING INCREASED GRUMBLING AMONG THOSE BEING TEMPORARILY DISPOSSESSED OF THEIR PROPERTY. OFFICIAL ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT ABOUT 40,000 PERSONS ARE STILL LIVING IN TENTS AND A LIKE NUMBER IS IN THE COAST TOWNS. IN ADDITION TO US AID EFFORTS, OTHER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE CONTINUES IN THE REGION. AS FOR REGIONAL POLITICS, THE SOCIALISTS (PSI) HAVE REJECTED THE DC'S SO-CALLED PACT OF REBIRTH BUT ARE ALONE IN DOING SO BECAUSE THE PCI SEEMS TO LIKE THE IDEA. END OF SUMMARY.

2. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CABINET'S DECREE LAW OF SEPTEMBER 18, THE SENATE IS CALLING FOR ZAMBERLETTI'S FULL POWERS TO BE LIMITED TO APRIL 30, 1977. ALSO, THE SENATE IS SEEKING TO INCREASE THE ORIGINAL FRIULI RELIEF PACKAGE FROM 165 TO 200 BILLION LIRE. AS FOR
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ZAMBERLETTI, HE IS IN PERPETUAL MOTION. TO THE PRESS HE

REPEATS THREE POINTS: (A) A ROOF FOR ALL BEFORE WINTER, (B) NO SLOW DOWN IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, AND (C) REFUGEES BACK IN THEIR HOMES BY MARCH 1977. AS THE PRESS POINTS OUT, THIS IS A LARGE ORDER WITH ABOUT 40,000 STILL LIVING IN TENTS, ANOTHER 40,000 IN THE RESORT TOWNS AND THE REMAINING ESTIMATED 10,000 SCATTERED THROUGHOUT ITALY AND ABROAD.

3. TEMPORARY HOUSING. ZAMBERLETTI HAS NOW RESORTED TO REQUISITIONING BOTH SUMMER HOUSES AND TRAILERS IN AN EFFORT TO HOUSE EVERYONE BEFORE WINTER. OWNERS ARE BEGINNING TO GRUMBLE, HOWEVER, AND TRAILER OWNERS ARE HOLDING PROTEST MEETINGS AGAINST FURTHER REQUISITIONS. NEVERTHELESS, PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR FRIULI SEEMS HIGH AND TRAILERS CONTINUE TO BE DELIVERED FROM OTHER REGIONS.

4. FOREIGN AID CONTINUES APACE AS WELL. IN THREE SEPARATE CEREMONIES AID REP COSTANTINO SIGNED AGREEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS AND CENTERS FOR THE AGED, RECEIVING EXCELLENT PRESS COVERAGE OF US EFFORT. AMONG OTHER DONORS, THE CANADIANS HAVE BEEN THE MOST INNOVATIVE LAST WEEK LANDING A PREFAB (USED BY THE CANADIAN ARMY IN THE ARTIC) ABOARD A HERCULES AIRCRAFT AT RONCHI AIRPORT. THE SMALL HOUSE NEEDS NO FOUNDATION AND IS FULLY INSULATED. THE BUILDING WAS PROVIDED AS A SAMPLE, THE CANADIANS INDICATING THEY CAN DELIVER LARGE NUMBERS OF THEM IMMEDIATELY. ALSO, THE YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL IN TRIESTE DONATED FORTY TRAILERS TO THE REGION AS A GIFT FROM HIS COUNTRY TO THE FRIULI.

5. PACT OF REBIRTH. THE REGIONAL SOCIALIST (PSI) ORGANIZATION HAS REJECTED THE DC PACT OF REBIRTH WHICH CALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS AMONG ALL PARTIES ON EARTHQUAKE MATTERS BUT WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE PRESENT DC LED GIUNTA (REFTELS). DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING AND LOCAL SOCIALIST LEADERS ARE AVOIDING SAYING THAT THEY WILL NOW PRESS FOR A MOTION FOR RECALL OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE PSI IS OPPOSING THE PACT PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE PCI SEEMS TO LIKE IT, BERLINGUER HAVING ENDORSED IT WHEN HE WAS HERE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING TO INFORMED OBSERVERS, IT IS PCI INTEREST IN THE PACT WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR THE IRASCIBILITY OF THE PSI WHICH AMONG ALL MAJOR PARTIES LIKE THE HISTORIC COMPROMISE THE LEAST. PATTERSON.

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